

The Gift of Exhortation

6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who **exhorts**, in his **exhortation**; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. *Romans 12:6-8 (NASB)*

13 But **exhort** one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. *Hebrews 3:13 (ESV)*

*Greek: **Para-** close beside/ **Kaleo** -to call; verb & noun; To call to one's side/aid.*

Imploring, beseeching, appealing, begging, entreat, comfort, console, encourage

"A modern reader could easily overlook the emotion behind *exhort* and synonymous words, but the Greek *parakaleó* implies a closeness of feeling which the English word lacks."*

*<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-is-exhortation-in-the-bible-definition-and-meaning.html>

The following underlined words are all the same Greek word as **exhort** (verb and noun forms):

-Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

-Acts 15:30-32 ³⁰ So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. ³¹ And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. ³² And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words.

-2 Corinthians 8:4 ...begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints.

-2 Corinthians 8:17 For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord.

-Acts 9:31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

-2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

-EXAMPLES:

Hebrews 12:5-7 ...the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; ⁶ FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

Luke 3:18 So with many other exhortations he [John the Baptist] preached the gospel to the people.

1 Thessalonians 2:2-3 ...we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition. ³ For our exhortation does not *come* from error or impurity or by way of deceit;

Acts 11:23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,